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### Research and Writing Assignment- Global Networking

After reading about the network connections used in Agrarian days, it amazes me how much it's grown in today's society. With everything we have at home and everything we use daily, we never really take the time to learn where products are made, where they come from, and the network connections required for the product to get to our homes. The way many of the everyday objects we use take an interesting journey around the world amazes me, and it is very nice to see that different parts of the world work together to make this all possible. The six items I decided that play a significant part in my daily life are my phone, caramel rice cakes, a pair of jeans, my everyday Nike sneakers, my favorite throw pillow, and school backpack.

To begin my research, I found that my iPhone was made in China. According to a project done by Ohio State University, Apple relies on components from all over the world to create their phones, but they are mainly assembled in China. I found it interesting to learn that the whole world cooperates in a network to create a single iPhone. The phone is then sent to a US Apple warehouse in Elk Grove, California, and in the case of where I got my phone, it shipped to my local T-Mobile store in Calexico, California. Next are my rice cakes. I researched them a lot since the packaging gives little information about their origin. According to Missouri Business, Quaker rice cakes are made in a plant located in Columbia, Missouri. They are then sent to

Chicago, Illinois, where they are distributed to many stores nationwide. As I live in Jersey City, I get my rice cakes at the ShopRite of Jersey City.

My next item is my favorite pair of jeans. I bought these jeans online on a website called Shein. These jeans come from and are made in China. They are then sent to warehouses in different cities in the United States, depending on where they are being sent to. It is then packaged and shipped to the homes of those who ordered the product. Next comes my everyday pair of Nike sneakers. According to the tag and an Ohio State University study, my most used Nike Sneakers were made in Vietnam and shipped to the main Nike warehouse in Memphis, Tennessee. They are then packaged and sent to a person's home when ordered online or go directly to Nike stores around the world. In the case of my product, I received my shoes through the mail, meaning they were shipped from Tennessee to California.

The tag of my throw pillow gave me all the information I needed to know for this assignment, but I never paid attention to it in the past. The throw pillow I use to decorate my bed was made in China and Distributed by a warehouse in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The tag gave me the exact address and location of this Philadelphia warehouse which I found very interesting. It is then sent to the Five Below stores, which are located all around the United States. I bought my throw pillow in the Five Below in Jersey City, New Jersey. My fifth item is my Adidas backpack, which I use every day for school. According to its tag and Ship24, it was made in China but was shipped from Germany. I would assume that the backpack alone is made in China, but it is then sent to warehouses in Germany, where they are branded with Adidas logos. It is then sent over to different warehouses around the US and Europe and distributed to local stores. This backpack was bought online, so I could only assume it was sent from one of the warehouses in the United States.

This assignment helped me learn so much more and appreciate the network connections that occur worldwide. My world would be completely different without a global network. Without it, I wouldn't have all the things I use daily, let alone many of the things I own. We would all still probably live in a world that has yet to progress or has to create its own tools to survive. Without the help of other countries and cultures to help us create a thriving network connection, we would have nothing. It is so interesting how fast our objects travel around the world, how quickly they are distributed to our stores, and how fast we receive them when we order online. The global network is such a powerful tool, one we should never take for granted.

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